

Ten months ago I retired from the Navy after 35 years of service to my country. It was my priveledge to serve. I chose to make the Navy a career to enable folks in this country to have the right to make their own decisions. I still feel that way.

Satellite radio is the cable TV of the 21st century. I have grown weary of the constantly increasing amount of commercials that I have to endure in order to get a little music, news, sports or talk on today's commercial radio. I proudly subscribe to XM Radio and I have for the last two years. I treasure the ability to travel from coast to coast listening to the same channel of news, weather or sports commercial free and I have done that. I will gladly pay a monthly subscription rate to have that priveledge. After all I worked and sacrificed for 35 years to have that choice.

The members of the NAB have the right to blast their commercial message across the airwaves that you control but it is my personal priveledge to listen to something else. What is the NAB afraid of? That satellite radio will do a better job? Well they are way too late, it has already happened. Since they woke up late they are now attempting to derail their biggest competition. Too bad!!!

I did my part to serve our great country now I am asjking you to do yours. Tell the members of the NAB to go lay down by their water dish and leave folks alone...or better yet get a clue and move forward to make radio better. Until then I choose to turn them off.

Thank you for listening!
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